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Programme budget implications of draft resolutions V and VI contained in the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council

Draft resolution V

Financing science and technology for development

1. In draft resolution V, the Economic and Social Council recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution. In paragraph 2 of that draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, in pursuance of Assembly resolution 46/165 of 19 December 1991, in which it requested concrete proposals for organizing a more effective coalition of resources to meet the scientific and technological needs of developing countries, to convene a consultative meeting. In paragraph 6, it would request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

2. The substantive and conference-servicing requirements related to the convening of the consultative meeting will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session. In the event that the meeting

is convened in 1993, the relevant costs would be absorbed within existing resources for science and technology and conference services of the approved programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, respectively.

Draft resolution VI

Programme of work for 1994-1995 in the field of science and technology for development

3. In draft resolution VI, the Economic and Social Council recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution. In paragraph 8 of that draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources for convening at least four intersessional ad hoc panels/workshops on specific issues in the field of science and technology, which will provide crucial input into the work of the Commission in terms of independent, specialized and expert advice.

4. Since the activities envisaged under the draft resolution relate to the forthcoming biennium, no additional appropriations would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of the draft resolution.

5. The resources required for the convening of the ad hoc panels/workshops will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.